

# Toronto Humane Society

## 2023 Annual General Meeting

### Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6:00 pm  
Meeting held Virtually via GetQuorum

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#### **1. *Welcome***

Amanda Bustard from GetQuorum described how GetQuorum would moderate Toronto Humane Society's (Society) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and demonstrated how voting would take place.

President Josh Shanahan acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. He welcomed the members to the 2023 AGM. The Chair noted that GetQuorum was scrutineer of the electronic proxies, as well as the live voting at the AGM. Ian Wintrip, a forensic accountant who has volunteered his services to the Society over many years, and his team, acted as scrutineer for the paper proxies received. The Chair acknowledged their excellent work.

The Chair thanked the members who participated in this virtual AGM, as well as those members who participated in the Members' Town Hall on August 12, 2023 at Paws in the Park.

The Chair then introduced the members of the Board of Directors and asked the members to join him in thanking retiring directors Martin Buckle, Nicholas Kanhai, Bronwen Morgan and Angela Young for their great work and dedication to the Society while serving on the Board.

Having been advised by the scrutineer that a quorum of members was present, the Chair declared the meeting to be duly called and properly constituted for the business of the meeting.

#### **2. *Notice of Meeting***

The Chair reported that all active and lifetime members of the Society had been mailed a Notice of the Annual General Meeting on July 24, 2023. With the consent of the meeting, he dispensed with the reading of the Notice.

### ***3. Election of Directors***

As the meeting Chair was also a candidate for election, this segment of the meeting was chaired by Martin Buckle. The Chair advised that seven candidates were running for seven seats available on the Board of Directors, five for a three-year term, one for a two-year term, and one for a one-year term. The following candidates were nominated in accordance with the Society's bylaw: Julie Barac, Yusef Hafez, Charissa Lai, Adrienne MacDonald, Gary Milakovic, Alex Rochtchine and Josh Shanahan. Members were sent information provided by the candidates.

All seven candidates were elected to the Board of Directors. The Chair advised that the terms of the newly elected directors will be posted on the Society's website within two days. The Chair congratulated the new and returning Board members on their election.

### ***4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting***

Josh Shanahan resumed Chairmanship of the meeting. He noted that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM had been posted on the Society's website and had been made available to the members. With the consent of the meeting, he dispensed with the reading of the Minutes and asked for a motion to adopt them.

THAT the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

Moved: Martin Buckle

Seconded: Krista Bulmer

**Carried.**

### ***5. Confirmation of Proceedings***

The Chair asked the members to confirm that the proceedings of the Board since the last Annual General Meeting of Members be approved.

THAT all by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors and the officers of the Society enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the last Annual General their remuneration.

Moved: Nabila Tisha

Seconded: Bronwen Morgan

**Carried.**

## **6. *Appointment of Auditor***

The Society's Treasurer, Charissa Lai, asked the members to approve KPMG as auditors for the coming year.

THAT KPMG be appointed as the Toronto Humane Society's auditor until the close of the next Annual General Meeting (or until they are replaced), and that the Board be authorized to fix their remuneration.

Moved: David Bronskill

Seconded: Bronwen Morgan

**Carried.**

## **7. *Audited Financial Statements***

The Treasurer, Charissa Lai, noted that the financial statements, including the Auditor's report, were available on the Society's website, and that they had been made available to the members. With the meeting's permission, the reading of the report of the Auditor was dispensed with as it was part of the 2022 audited financial statements made available to members.

The Treasurer requested a motion to receive the 2022 audited financial statements.

THAT the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 and the Auditor's report be received.

Moved: Damian Creber

Seconded: Malcolm Bernstein

**Carried.**

## **8. *Termination of Meeting***

The Chair advised that as there was no other business, the meeting was concluded. He thanked the staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Society and the animals. He also thanked the candidates for coming forward, and the members for participating in the AGM. He indicated that he was available to answer any questions members may have and provided his contact information. The Chair wished the members well and said that he looked forward to seeing them at upcoming shelter and community events.

The meeting was then terminated.

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**Josh Shanahan, President**

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**Claudette Turner, Recording Secretary**

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